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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	"Inventory Management Business Models for Consignment Processes" July 1998 See URL http://www.comptia.org/sections/eidx/guidelines/documents/tpcmoldx.pdf Whole document	28
Y	Derwent Abstract PAN 02-471641 for WO 200241210-A1 published 23 May 2002 & PAJ Translation of publication number JP2002157315 & Japanese Application Number 2000-350564	28
A	WO 2000/13123 A1 (RECOVERY SALES CORPORATION) 9 March 2000 Abstract	30
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